

To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
Cc: Anne Steckel[asteckel@biodiesel.org]
From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Wed 4/3/2013 12:31:58 PM
Subject: question

Paul,

Do you have a couple of minutes today ... Anne and I would like to do a brief call with you to gain some perspective on a couple of issues ... probably need only about 10 minutes?

Let me know ...

Thanks

Larry Schafer

National Biodiesel Board

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To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
From: Brent Erickson
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 8:26:09 PM
Subject: RIN attacks?
[RIN prices and retail gasoline.pdf](#)

There be somewhere around 2.1-2.2 billion RINS currently available, but we won't know for sure until EPA posts the February RIN data. Take a [look at this chart](#) though by Geoff Cooper on RFA staff attached. It demonstrates that there is no correlation between RINs price and spiking gas prices.

Brent Erickson

Executive Vice President

Industrial and Environmental Section

Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)

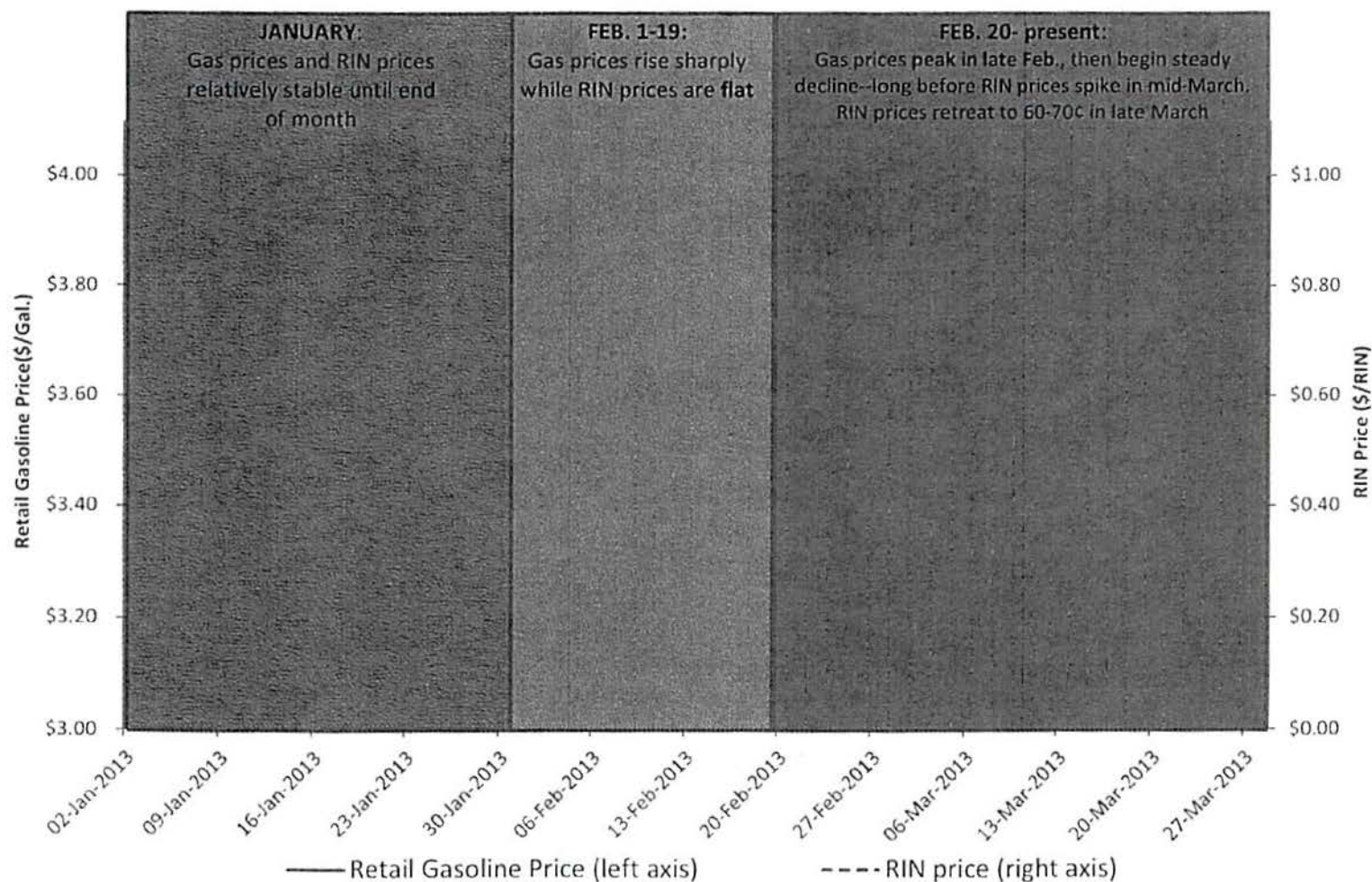
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*There is no correlation between this spring's higher gasoline prices
and the recent increase in ethanol RIN prices*

- RIN prices were flat when gas prices escalated in February
- Gas prices were declining when RIN prices peaked in mid-March



Sources: RIN prices from OPIS; Retail gasoline prices (all grades/formulations) from EIA

To: Larry Schafer (b) (6)
Cc: Anne Steckel (b) (6); Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
From: Huang, Cindy
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 3:30:26 PM
Subject: RE: Renewable Fuels Industry Stakeholders Meeting

Thanks for your response, Larry. I will remove you from the meeting and re-add you to the calendar invite. It will come from Gina McCarthy. I'll also add Anne Steckel when I re-add you to the calendar invite – please let me know whether you received the invite – if you don't, then I will send it out from my calendar and hope you received the invitation.

Sincerely,

Cindy

Cindy Huang

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Administrator

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From: Larry Schafer (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 11:18 AM
To: Huang, Cindy
Cc: Anne Steckel; Argyropoulos, Paul
Subject: RE: Renewable Fuels Industry Stakeholders Meeting

Cindy,

We did not receive the calendar invite, please resend with room location.

Anne Steckel, NBB's VP of Federal Affairs

and

Larry Schafer, NBB's Senior Advisor

Will be attending the meeting.

Thank you for the invite.

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From: Huang, Cindy [mailto:Huang.Cindy@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 10:14 AM

To: lschafer@ (b) (6)

Subject: Renewable Fuels Industry Stakeholders Meeting

Hi Larry,

Just wanted to make sure you received the calendar invite for the Renewable Fuels Stakeholders meeting on Thursday. Please let me know if you will be bringing anyone else – I will send over a complete list of who's coming in to our security personnel at the front lobby to facilitate the entrance into the building.

On Thursday morning around 10:50am, either I or another assistant will be waiting at the lobby to escort all the guests to room 5415.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Cindy

Subject: Renewable Fuels Industry Stakeholders Meeting

Location: DCRoomARN5415PolyPCTB/DC-ARN-OAR

Start: Thu 4/4/2013 11:00 AM

End: Thu 4/4/2013 11:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Mccarthy, Gina

Required Attendees: Grundler, Christopher; Beauvais, Joel; Simon, Karl; Argyropoulos, Paul; (b) (6) (b) (6) mmcadams@ (b) (6)
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Optional Attendees: Stewart, Gwen; Stewart, Mellonie; Matthew Carr

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From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 3:18:12 PM
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To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
From: Michael (b) (6)
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 2:25:18 PM
Subject: got a minute

Paul: Wanted to road test a couple of ideas prior to Thursday. If you have a minute would love to take 5 minutes to discuss. Thanks. Cell 2 (b) (6)

Michael McAdams Holland & Knight
Sr Policy Advisor
800 17th Street, NW Suite 1100 Washington DC 20006

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5/1/13 10:14 AM

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To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
Cc: Anne Steckel (b) (6)
From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 11:28:36 AM
Subject: RE: Busy Monday

Thanks ... is the topic the 2013 RVO volume levels ... or RIN prices in general?

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Larry Schafer

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On Apr 2, 2013 7:26 AM, "Argyropoulos, Paul" <Argyropoulos.Paul@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, it's still on. I'll let Cindy know.

Paul Argyropoulos

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From: Larry Schafer [(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 7:17 AM
To: Argyropoulos, Paul
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We haven't received anything from Cindy ...

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From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 11:16:47 AM
Subject: RE: Busy Monday

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From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Tue 4/2/2013 9:34:11 AM
Subject: Busy Monday
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To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
From: Brooke Coleman
Sent: Fri 3/29/2013 6:34:35 PM
Subject: FW: BIOFUELS UPDATE: ***EPA Nominee McCarthy, Biofuel Groups Meeting April 4

Wasnt me. I did not respond to Rachel.

----- Original message -----

Subject: FW: BIOFUELS UPDATE: ***EPA Nominee McCarthy, Biofuel Groups Meeting April 4
From: Christina Martin (b) (6) >
To: All Staff (b) (6)
Cc:

From: opisethanol@opisnet.com
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 1:03:24 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: OPIS Ethanol Updates
Subject: BIOFUELS UPDATE: ***EPA Nominee McCarthy, Biofuel Groups Meeting April 4

2013-03-29 01:03:10 EDT
***EPA Nominee McCarthy, Biofuel Groups Meeting April 4

A handful of biofuel-related trade groups are scheduled to meet next week with Gina McCarthy, the White House's nominee to head the EPA. OPIS has confirmed.

While details have not yet been finalized, according to multiple sources familiar with the issue, the April 4 meeting at EPA headquarters will include representatives from the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), Growth Energy, the Advanced BioFuels Association, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the American Coalition for Ethanol, the Advanced Ethanol Council, the National Biodiesel Board and Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association UNICA.

EPA did not return requests for comment by presstime.

The purpose of the meeting has not yet been provided, but some believe it could be a general discussion ahead of McCarthy's Senate Environment and Public Works Committee confirmation hearing expected soon, while others anticipate a discussion on the recent increases in renewable identification numbers (RIN) prices.

McCarthy, currently assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, has been asked by two Republican senators to use the agency's "any and all existing regulatory authority and flexibility" to address rising RIN prices. Meanwhile, Acting EPA Administrator Bob Perciasepe was recently asked by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) for data to explain the RINs pricing volatility.

In recent weeks, the petroleum industry has blamed the overall renewable fuels standard and specifically RINs for the run-up in gasoline prices. RIN prices for 2013 ethanol quickly escalated the past few weeks above \$1. However, prices appear to be down from recent highs, with OPIS pegging the 2013 ethanol RIN Thursday evening at 69.7 cts.

In response to oil industry claims that higher RIN prices are translating into a 10 cts/gal increase in the cost of making gasoline, RFA issued a study earlier this week concluding higher RIN prices are contributing no more than four-tenths of one cent to retail prices.

-Rachel Gantz, rgantz@opisnet.com

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To: Argyropoulos, (b) (6)
From: Brian Jennings
Sent: Thur 3/28/2013 8:09:41 PM
Subject: RE: Jonathon Lehman?

Totally understand. Thanks!

Brian

From: Argyropoulos, Paul [mailto:Argyropoulos.Paul@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Brian Jennings
Subject: RE: Jonathon Lehman?

Hi Brian,

Sorry, but we're being pretty strict about this. We'd prefer to keep this to just direct representatives.

Thanks for you understanding.

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From: Brian Jennings (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 4:05 PM
To: Argyropoulos, Paul
Cc: Ron Lamberty
Subject: Jonathon Lehman?

Paul,

Any objection to ACE's lobbyist, Jonathon Lehman, attending the mtg next week as well? If so, no worries, just thought we'd ask. He does some work for AEC and National Corn in addition to ACE so he's got a lot of ties to the industry.

Brian

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To: Argyropoulos, Paul[Argyropoulos.Paul@epa.gov]
Cc: Ron Lamberty (b) (6)
From: Brian Jennings
Sent: Wed 3/27/2013 11:49:46 PM
Subject: Mtg with Gina next week

Paul, thanks for the heads up on the mtg. Ron Lamberty, ACE Sr Vice President, and our RIN guru, will attend (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6).

Sent from my (b) (6)

To: Argyropoulos, Paul (b) (6)
From: Larry Schafer
Sent: Wed 3/27/2013 4:10:33 PM
Subject: Thank Paul ... got it ...next Thursday at 11 ...

Is it ok if I bring Anne?

Larry Schafer

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To: BColeman@ (b) (6) (b) (6)
Cc: Stewart, Lori [Stewart.Lori@epa.gov], Argyropoulos, Paul [Argyropoulos.Paul@epa.gov]
From: Stewart, Gwen
Sent: Wed 3/27/2013 3:54:20 PM
Subject: Meeting Request

Good Afternoon,

As per our conversation, I have confirmed the 2013 RVO, 2014 Pathways meeting for April 17, 2013 at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Please forward to me a copy of your:

Agenda and Participants List

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you

Gwen Stewart

Office of Transportation and Air Quality

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